

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Unincorporated Communities (AS 37.05.317)****Grant Recipient: Port Alsworth****Project Title:****Port Alsworth - Fire Hall/Meeting Hall****State Funding Requested: \$ 150,000****House District: 36 - R**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Construction and completion of fire hall and purchase of additional fire fighting equipment.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$425,000**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
State Funds	\$145,000	06-07 & 05-06				
Other					\$130,000	future
Total	\$145,000				\$130,000	

*Explanation of Other Funds:**unspecified - funding options are being sought***Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

\$145,000 has already been received and used to construct a basic structure. These funds will be used to complete the fire hall and house fire fighting equipment for the community. There is also a need to purchase additional firefighting equipment. This is a life, health and safety issue for our unincorporated community.

Project Timeline:

As soon as additional funds are received, PAIC will complete the building interior and exterior/grounds.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Port Alsworth Improvement Corporation

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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April 17, 2008

Governor Sarah Palin
State of Alaska
P.O. Box 110001
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Dear Governor Palin:

The Community of Port Alsworth is thanking you and the legislature for the proposed appropriation in the FY 2009 Capital Budget of \$150,000. This money is a very small part of the budget, but it will mean big changes to the people in our remote Community on the shores of Lake Clark.

In 1996 the Community recognized the need for basic fire and life saving equipment. At that time, the first steps were made toward the construction of a fire hall. Twelve years later, the skeleton of the building exists. We have land, a well, electricity and a basic structure. Not only has the building grown, but so has the vision. The building currently functions as a place to house fire equipment, but it whispers of so much more potential. It could be a place to teach rescue skills and CPR. It could be a Community meeting place. In an emergency, it could be an emergency shelter and a command center. If only it were completed.

The State funds will allow Port Alsworth Improvement Corporation to complete the interior. We plan to add lighting, plumbing, insulation, and more. This project has always been at the top of our priorities list, and we have worked on it as the funds became available. So far, \$145,000 has been spent plus hours volunteered by Community members to build the shell of the building.

Our Community has worked for this reality. The appropriation in this year's budget will provide our Community with more than a fire hall. It will provide safety in an emergency, security in a disaster, and Community in times of turbulence. We again thank you for your attention to our Community and to our requests.

Sincerely,


Mark E Lang
Administrator

Cc: Karen J Rehfeld, Director, Office of Management & Budget
Senator Gary Stevens
Representative Gabrielle LeDoux

- Removal of old vehicles
- New landfill
- Hub status

Port Alsworth: (updated December 12, 2007, Resolution 2007-001)

- Public access airport
- Fire Protection
- Landfill and Airport Access Road Construction with Bridge
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- Solid Waste Ashfill and Incinerator Construction
- Public Health Clinic Facility
- Public road Improvement Project
- Road Maintenance/Heavy Equipment
- Emergency Services
- Public Bulk Fuel Storage
- Public Dock

Ugashik: (updated 12/13/2007)

- Renovation Road Work
- Airport lighting
- Dock Project/Cannery Rehabilitation
- Alternative Energy for Residents
- Fire Hall/Fire Fighting Equipment
- Health clinic
- Removal of "Winray"
- Bulk Fuel Storage
- Lengthen Airstrip
- Removal of asbestos and crude oil from the cannery
- Fish Processing Plant